

HO-972

9757 Washington Boulevard
Laurel vicinity

Description:

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Significance:

The house at 9757 Washington Boulevard is an ell form that is a descendent of ell houses popularized at least as early as the 1840s by Andrew Jackson Downing. The ell house became a popular type in the suburbs in the 1890s, and beginning in the 1920s a Cotswold Cottage version, often 1-1/2 stories tall, became popular throughout American suburbs. This example seems to be a simplified version of the English cottage type, without the stylistic details that would have driven up the cost. However, it could have been the influence of Modernism, as much as economics, that drove the simplification of this building, and there are numerous simple examples just like this one throughout post-war suburbs in the United States. This example is not located in a suburb, however, but on Route 1, which was not only an important transportation corridor in the twentieth century, but continued to have a mixed use character of residential, commercial, and industrial structures that spread out from towns like Laurel along the whole length of the road. Despite the unfortunate enclosure of the front porch, the house still conveys its original character. The attached garage is scheduled to be demolished and the house will continue to be residential.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 9757 Washington Boulevard not for publication

city, town Laurel vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name D. Schraf Real Estate I LLC

street and number 8812 Platt Ridge Dr. telephone

city, town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815-6800

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 50, 387

city, town Ellicott City. liber 5246 folio 695

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates c. 1940s

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet~~. *footnotes*

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.7 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.7 Acres

Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 50, p. 387, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

11. Form Prepared By

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date 11/21/2008

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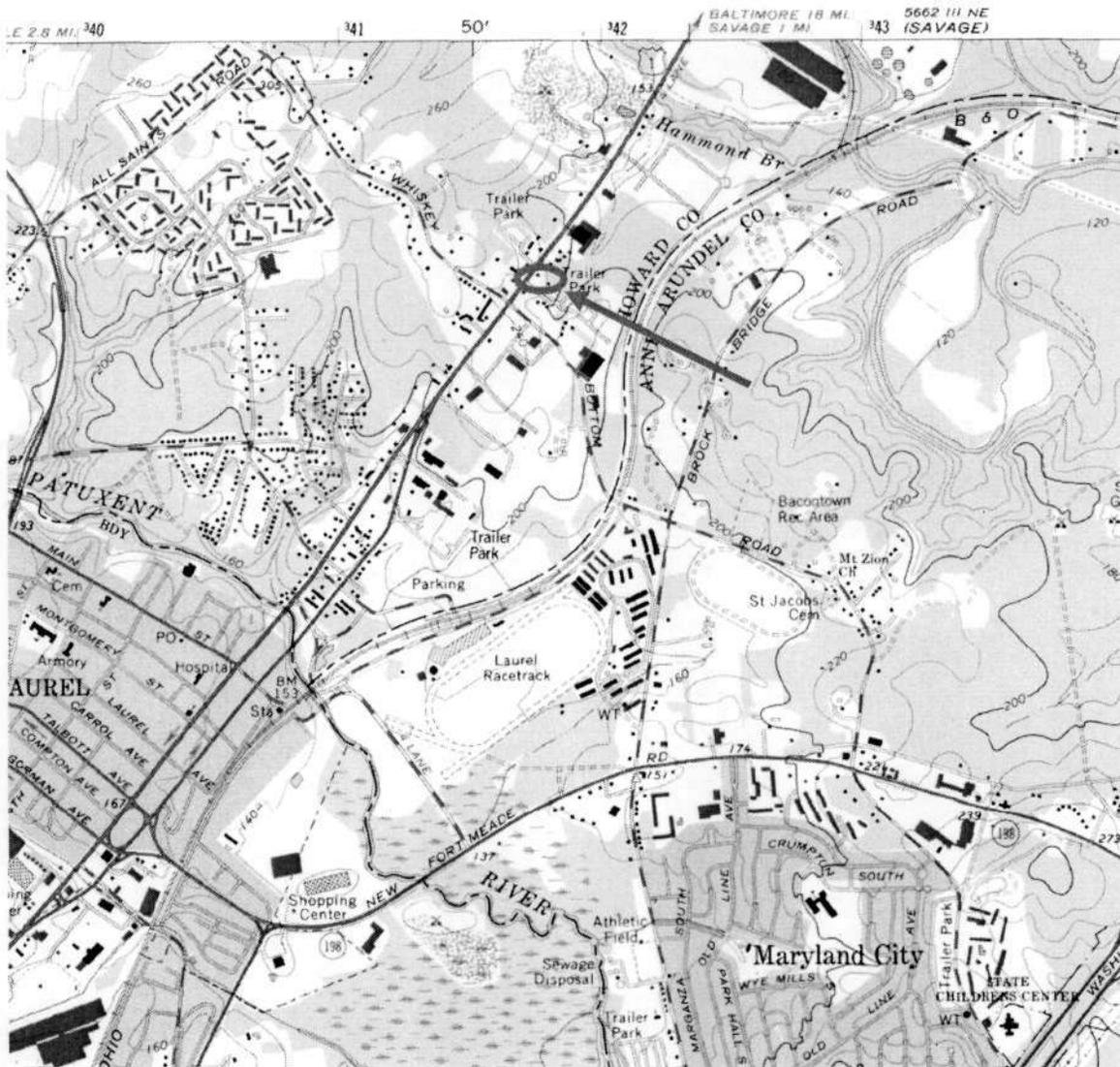
city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, west and south elevations

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House, east and north elevations



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